

June 26, 2001

IN HONOR OF THE 226TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2001*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 14th, we celebrated the 226th birthday of the United States Army. The Army's proud tradition, which dates back to 1775, has always stood tall, both in times of peace, and times of conflict which placed American men and women in harm's way. For more than two centuries, the soldiers of the Army have been poised and ready to answer the call of duty to defend this great nation. The military is a noble profession and those who have served have demonstrated their patriotism and selflessness. The Army has always been relevant and remains relevant today. With the Transformation of the Army to a leaner, lighter, and more lethal force, the Army will continue to be relevant in the future. As we forge into the future, let us reflect on the great legacy the Army has given this nation, through the great men and women who were and are proud to be Americans.

EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my appreciation to our fine chairman, the ranking member, and all of the members of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for their good work on the agriculture spending bill and the accompanying report that passed the full committee on June 13th. In particular, I am thankful that the Subcommittee has recognized the important contributions made by the Valley Children's Hospital located in California's Central Valley.

Valley Children's Hospital (VCH) is the only freestanding children's hospital in a rural area in the United States. VCH serves the 10-county, 60,000 square mile region between Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay, and it functions as a "safety-net" health care provider to all children of Central California. The facility provides services regardless of an individual's race, religion or ability to pay, with over 70 percent of its patients on MediCal.

As you can imagine, VCH faces many challenges to its ability to provide health care. These challenges include inadequate transportation, shortages of health professionals, high poverty and unemployment, and the fact that there are 93 different spoken languages and dialects in the region. Each of the 10 counties that VCH serves is federally designated as medically underserved.

In light of budget realities, we must continue to carefully define our appropriations priorities.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

I appreciate the Subcommittee's recognition that Valley Children's Hospital is a meritorious organization with projects that deserve special consideration.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2001*

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, due to a commitment in my Congressional District, I was absent on Monday, June 25th for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes, No. 186, H.Res. 160, No. 187, H. Res. 99, and rollcall vote No. 188, H. Con. Res. 161.

### HONORING CHARLOTTE KEYS

#### HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2001*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Charlotte Keys, who was recently honored as a 2001 Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leader. Ms. Keys is one of only 10 individuals from around the country to receive this distinguished award, which includes a \$100,000 grant to help further her work.

Ms. Keys is the founder of an organization called Jesus People Against Pollution, located in Columbia, Mississippi, which works to mobilize the community to improve health and environmental justice. Her early efforts focused on those in the community who suffered severe health problems as a result of a major explosion at a chemical plant in Columbia in 1977. She mobilized the community and advocated for them.

As a result of her activism, she was asked to leave her job and she endured threats on her life. Undaunted by this experience, and moved by the extensive health needs of her neighbors, many of whom were children or senior citizens, Ms. Keys formed Jesus People Against Pollution, or JPAP, in 1992. She created JPAP to help educate the community about environmental health threats and to advocate for cleanup and redevelopment.

Today, JPAP offers training and advocacy programs and has co-hosted a regional summit on environmental justice with participation by both the state and federal governments. In addition, Ms. Keys has become a trusted leader, and the community looks to her as a resource for assistance in other social issues, such as housing, food stamps and disability benefits.

One of her nominators described Ms. Keys as a "long distance runner who possesses a profound commitment to the cause of justice." It is my hope that she continues to run this race for justice. It is clear that she has covered quite a distance, but the road still stretches out ahead.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege today to honor Charlotte Keys for this well deserved leader-

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ship award. I am confident that it will help to strengthen and sustain her important work.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2001*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 25, I missed rollcall votes 186-188. Had I been present on this date, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Nos. 186, 187, and 188. On this date, I had committed to participating in an event in my congressional district prior to the scheduling of votes.

### REGARDING FAIR LAWN MAYOR DAVID GANZ

#### HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2001*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the U.S. Mint is poised to issue the 14th in a series of State Quarters that started in 1999 and which will continue through at least the year 2008.

On June 4, 2001, I read an interesting article in the The Record, the largest newspaper in my Congressional District, about the origins of the state quarter, which came about because of the legislative vision of my colleague from Delaware, Representative MICHAEL CASTLE and the tenacity of the Mayor of my hometown, the Borough of Fair Lawn, David Ganz.

Mayor Ganz is not a stranger to the congressional legislative process. In 1973, while still a student at Georgetown University here in Washington, he was admitted to the Periodical Press Gallery of the United States Senate as a Special Correspondent for Numismatic News Weekly, a hobby publication based in Wisconsin. He went on to become a member of the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association, a Congressionally-chartered group sometimes referred to as the National Coin Club. In 1993, U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, named him among the first six members of the newly-created Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee.

Both as President of the American Numismatic Association, and as a columnist for various coin collecting hobby publications, David had long advocated for a return to commemorative coinage [for which there had been a hiatus from 1954 until 1981], but also for truly circulating commemorative coins. He testified before the House & Senate Banking Committees on numerous occasions in the quarter century following his first appearance in March of 1974.

Mr. Speaker, bureaucracy is often afraid of change for no reason beyond the fact that it is not familiar, not predictable, or not safe. Mayor Ganz had a vision that circulating commemorative coinage would be good for our nation's coin collectors, good for our nation's coffers, and ultimately, educational to all